

ART. IV.—*A New Species of Fresh-water Fish from Lake*

*Nigothoruk*, Mount Wellington, Victoria.

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*Galaxias nigothoruk*, sp. n.

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Height of body in front of dorsal fin contained between seven and eight times in the length exclusive of the caudal fin. Length of head contained rather more than four times in the same.

Head broad; trunk gradually narrowing to root of caudal; width between eyes equal to maximum height of head; jaws about equal; maxillæ reaching to beneath anterior third of eye; diameter of eye rather less than one-fourth length of head, quite equal to length of snout.

Dorsal commences at last third of trunk; anal a little behind dorsal; pectorals reach rather more than half way to roots of ventrals; ventrals extend over nearly two-thirds of distance between their roots and the vent. Minimum height of tail about two-thirds height of trunk between dorsal and ventral fins.

*Coloration*.—Ground hue of skin dark-green on back of trunk; lighter green on sides; on belly, silvery blueish-green; Ground hue of head olive-green dorsally, blueish-green ventrally, operculum purplish. Whole skin covered with innumerable tiny brown to black pigment dots. These, when crowded close together, form dark spots, which give the trunk a richly speckled appearance. On the fins, the dots are arranged along the rays. Fins reddish-yellow. Iris a beautiful bronze-yellow.

General length of those caught, somewhat over three inches. None of much greater length were observed, but of this size and smaller, there were thousands.

*Locality.*—Lake Nigothoruk, above the head of the Wellington River, Gippsland, the only known mountain lake in Victoria.

*Food.*—Insects, worms, &c.

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